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PATENT
Case No. US 000309
(7790/210)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
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GERT W. BRUNING, ET AL.)
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Serial No.: 09/735,151)
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Filed: DECEMBER 12, 2000)
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For: CONTROL AND DRIVE CIRCUIT)
ARRANGEMENT FOR)
ILLUMINATION PERFORMANCE)
ENHANCEMENT WITH LED)
LIGHT SOURCES)

Examiner: NGUYEN, H.
Group Art Unit: 2674

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 2, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to a Non-Final Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present amendment replies to a Non-Final Office Action dated October 2, 2002. Claims 1-23 are currently pending in the present application.

In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Nguyen asserted the following rejections of pending claims 1-23:

- A. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No., 5,724,062 to *Hunter*
- B. Claims 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No., 5,724,062 to *Hunter* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,783,909 to *Hochstein*
- C. Claims 9-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No., 5,724,062 to *Hunter* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,783,909 to *Hochstein* in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,448,951 to *Sakaguchi et al.*

As set forth in the REMARKS sections, the Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 9-23 as being unpatentable over *Hunter* in view of *Hochstein* and in further view of *Sakaguchi*, and respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112.